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Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

**EDUCATION
Committee Meeting**

**333 Guadalupe, Suite 2-510
Austin, Texas 78701**

**April 28, 2016
1:00 p.m.**

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13 **Members Present:** Barbara Sanders, PT, PhD, Chair
14 Jeff Tout, PT
15 Shari Waldie, PT
16 Philip Vickers, Public Member
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18 **Staff:** Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator
19 John Maline, Executive Director
20 Cynthia Machado, Licensing Manager
21 Mark Turek, Chief Investigator
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23 **Guests:** Kathleen Manella, PT, PhD, Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Liaison
24 Stacey Mather, TPTA Staff
25 Amber Townsley, TPTA Staff
26 Wendy Pajak, Texas Medical Board
27 Wally Doggett, TX Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, (TAAOM)
28 Lisa Hughes, TAAOM
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31 A. Call to order
32 B. Public comment
33 C. Approval of minutes from the January 28, 2016 meeting
34 D. Discussion and possible action on the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Continuing
35 Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report, including auditing TPTA.
36 E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.1. General Licensure Requirements and
37 Procedures, and §329.2. Licensure by Examination regarding the Federation of State Boards of Physical
38 Therapy (FSBPT) alternate path for exam eligibility approval.
39 F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5. Licensing Procedures for Foreign-
40 Trained Applicants, including upcoming FSBPT changes and Duke University online module on the US
41 healthcare delivery system.
42 G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §321.1. Definitions, §323.1. Types of
43 Examination, §329.1. General Licensure Requirements and Procedures, §341.1. Requirements for
44 Renewal, §341.2. Continuing Competence Requirements, 341.3. Qualifying Continuing Competence
45 Activities, §341.6. License Restoration, §341.8. Inactive Status, §341.9. Retired Status; Performing
46 Voluntary Charity Care, and §341.20. Licensees Serving as a Military Service Member regarding
47 combining the jurisprudence exam and the ethics/professional responsibility requirement into an online
48 Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM).
49 H. Discussion and possible action on a request for an appeal to re-take the National Physical Therapy
50 Examination (NPTE).
51 I. Discussion and possible action on issues related to physical therapy entry-level education and continuing
52 competence.
53 J. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.
54 K. Adjournment
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1 **A. Call to order**

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3 Dr. Sanders called roll and determined a quorum was present. She called the meeting to order at
4 1:01 p.m.

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6 **B. Public comment**

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8 There was no public comment.

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10 Dr. Sanders reordered the agenda for consideration of item H. for a proposal of a continuing
11 education course combining jurisprudence and ethics as presented by Diane Switzer from
12 Compliance CE.

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14 **C. Approval of minutes from the January 28, 2016 meeting**

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16 Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.
17 Made by: Jeff Tout
18 Second: Shari Waldie

19 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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21 **D. Discussion and possible action on the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA)**
22 **Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report, including auditing TPTA.**

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24 Ms. Townsley from TPTA summarized activities of the CCAP since the January 28,
25 2016 Board meeting. She presented information regarding a mentorship program
26 for physical therapy students undergoing an Integrated Clinical Experience
27 (ICE) during their first year at UT Southwestern Physical Therapy Program
28 with the request to consider the mentorship as a pre-approved activity for
29 CCU credit. The Committee discussed the request and decided to present to
30 the full Board for decision.

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32 Ms. Townsley also presented an issue that was the result of a CCU Audit
33 regarding a course presented at both the Education Service Center Region
34 10 and 11. She stated that the course had been approved and the problem
35 with the certificates that were distributed to attendees had been resolved.

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37 Dr. Sanders reported that the Committee will be auditing the TPTA's
38 approved courses through their Accredited Provider Status at the August
39 meeting, and instructed staff to coordinate with TPTA for the submission of
40 course materials for the audit.

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42 **E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.1. General Licensure**
43 **Requirements and Procedures, and §329.2. Licensure by Examination regarding the**
44 **Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) alternate path for exam**
45 **eligibility approval.**

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47 Ms. Gordon reported on two FSBPT Webinars that she attended on March 16, 2016 - New School-
48 Centered NPTE Registration System and Preview Updates to the NPTE Registration Process. She
49 stated that the implementation of the alternate path for exam eligibility is on track for an October
50 2016 rollout for the January 2017 testing dates.

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52 The Committee reviewed §329.1. General Licensure Requirements and Procedures and §329.2.
53 Licensure by Examination to determine if any amendments would be required for the Board to

1 participate in the alternate path for exam eligibility. It was decided that there were no amendments
2 needed to §329.1. General Licensure Requirements, but the Committee determined that
3 amendments would be required for §329.2. Licensure by Examination (b) Re-examination and (d)
4 Exam Accommodations. The Committee took no action as an amendment to §329.2. Licensure by
5 Examination pertaining to the NPTE appeals process was up for adoption at the Board meeting.
6 The Committee instructed staff to include the item on the August 2016 agenda.
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8 **F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5. Licensing Procedures**
9 **for Foreign-Trained Applicants, including upcoming FSBPT changes and**
10 **Duke University online module on the US healthcare delivery system.**
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12 Ms. Gordon reported on an April 1, 2016 conference call of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU)
13 for the Duke University On-Line Course for Internationally Educated Physical Therapists on US
14 Healthcare and a response from legal counsel, Kara Holsinger, AAG regarding whether or not the
15 Board has the statutory authority to require a foreign-trained applicant to take a course such as the
16 Duke's online module as a requirement for licensure. The Committee discussed the issue and
17 decided not to pursue making the completion of the online module a requirement for licensure of
18 foreign-trained applicants, and decided that the module could be used to remediate educational
19 deficiencies instead.
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21 **G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §321.1. Definitions, 323.1.**
22 **Types of Examination, §329.1. General Licensure Requirements and Procedures,**
23 **§341.1. Requirements for Renewal, §341.2. Continuing Competence Requirements,**
24 **§341.3. Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities, §341.6. License Restoration,**
25 **§341.8. Inactive Status, §341.9. Retired Status; Performing Voluntary Charity Care, and**
26 **§341.20. Licensees Serving as a Military Service Member regarding combining the**
27 **jurisprudence exam and the ethics/professional responsibility requirement into an**
28 **online Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM).**
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30 Ms. Gordon reported on her attendance at the April 15 – 17, 2016 JAM Item Writer Workshop in
31 Alexandria, VA as the subject matter expert for the jurisprudence portion of the module being
32 developed for Texas. She also reported that legal counsel, Kara Holsinger, AAG determined that
33 there would be no problem with leaving the references to jurisprudence exam as they appear in the
34 rules now until after a change in the language can be made during the next legislative session.
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36 The Committee reviewed the Rules sections as noted above and determined that §341.2.
37 Continuing Competence Requirements and §341.3. Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities
38 would require amending prior to the implementation of the new assessment module. The
39 Committee took no action and instructed staff to include the item on the August 2016 agenda.
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41 **H. Discussion and possible action on a request for an appeal to re-take the National**
42 **Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).**
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44 The Committee reviewed a request for the Board to appeal for an additional re-take of the NPTE
45 from an applicant who had already tested 7 times and had the requisite remediation for re-
46 examination.
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48 Motion: To recommend not to appeal on behalf of the applicant due to lack of specific
49 and compelling reasons.

50 Made by: Shari Waldie

51 Second: Jeff Tout

52 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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1 **I. Discussion and possible action on issues related to physical therapy entry-level**
2 **education and continuing competence.**

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4 There was no discussion on this item.
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6 **J. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.**

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8 The next committee meetings were set for August 11, 2016 and October 27, 2016 with ongoing
9 agenda items as noted above.

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11 **K. Adjournment**

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13 Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

14 Made by: Jeff Tout

15 Second: Philip Vickers

16 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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18 Dr. Sanders adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.
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21 **Date reviewed by the Committee:** 08/11/2016

22 **Action taken by the Committee:** approved as submitted